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## **Public Information Office**

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## **Columbus Division of Police Invites Public Comment**

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will be evaluating the Columbus Division of Police from March 27 through March 30, 2017. All aspects of the Division's policies and procedures, administration, operations, and support services will be evaluated.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a Public Information Session on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 7:00 pm. The session will be conducted in the auditorium of the James G. Jackson Columbus Division of Police Training Academy located at 1000 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session, but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 614-645-4095 on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, between the hours of 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Telephone comments, as well as appearances, at the Public Information Session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Division's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available in the Columbus Division of Police Accreditation Unit located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Central Police Headquarters, 120 Marconi Boulevard. For additional information, contact Lieutenant Aimee Haley, Accreditation Manager, at 614-645-4603.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Columbus Division of Police's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155.



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The Columbus Division of Police must comply with over 400 standards in order to gain accredited status. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state, agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Team Leader Lt. Colonel Kenneth Gregory, St. Louis County Police Department, and Chief Samuel A. Farina, Jr., Fairport, New York, Police Department.

Once the assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report back to the full Commission, which will decide if the Division is to be granted re-accredited status. Accreditation is granted for four years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. persons are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155, or call 703-352-4225 or fax 703-890-3126.

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